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## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11, 15-25 and 27, and amend the claims as follows:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for upgrading a software on a customer system, comprising:

receiving, by a supplier system, a software inventory from the customer system;  
verifying one or more business contracts for the software inventory utilizing one or more databases connected to the supplier system; and

determining one or more software upgrade releases for the software inventory utilizing a product topology database connected to the supplier system.~~The method of claim 10, wherein determining one or more software upgrade releases further~~  
comprises:

verifying pre-requisite and co-requisite software for the software upgrade releases;

filtering the software inventory;

categorizing the software inventory;

mapping software releases in the software inventory to software upgrade releases;

categorizing the software upgrade releases; and

generating an upgrade order.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for upgrading a software on a customer system, comprising:

receiving, by a supplier system, a software inventory from the customer system;  
verifying one or more business contracts for the software inventory utilizing one or more databases connected to the supplier system; and

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determining one or more software upgrade releases for the software inventory utilizing a product topology database connected to the supplier system;~~The method of claim 1, further comprising:~~  
receiving an order for additional software; and  
verifying pre-requisite and co-requisite software for the additional software.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for upgrading a software on a customer system, comprising:  
a supplier system configured to:  
receive a software inventory from the customer system;  
verify one or more business contracts for the software inventory utilizing one or more databases connected to the supplier system; and  
determine one or more software upgrade releases for the software inventory utilizing a product topology database connected to the supplier system, wherein determining one or more software upgrade releases comprises:  
verifying pre-requisite and co-requisite software for the software upgrade releases.

15-15. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A signal bearing medium, comprising a program which, when executed by a processor, performs steps for upgrading a software on a customer system, comprising:  
receiving, by a supplier system, a software inventory from the customer system;  
verifying one or more business contracts for the software inventory utilizing one or more databases connected to the supplier system; and  
determining one or more software upgrade releases for the software inventory utilizing a product topology database connected to the supplier system~~The signal bearing medium of claim 24, wherein determining one or more software upgrade releases further comprises:~~

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verifying pre-requisite and co-requisite software for the software upgrade releases;

filtering the software inventory;

categorizing the software inventory;

mapping software releases in the software inventory to software upgrade releases;

categorizing the software upgrade releases; and

generating an upgrade order.

27. (Canceled)